

RCI-23 - Waste/Recycling

Benefit/Cost of Reducing CO₂e:

Arizona: 36 MMt between 2007-2020; 2.3% of 2020 emissions
New Mexico: 8.4 MMt between 2007-2020; 1.1% of 2020 emissions
Oregon: 6.61 MMt between 2007-2025; 6.9% of 2025 emissions

Assessment: High Priority. Bin A. 19 out of 22 votes.

This policy option can have significant GHG emissions reduction benefits and has important co-benefits. Recycling programs are already in place in much of Utah and can be readily implemented.

In most cases, the energy input for recycling is less than the energy required to manufacture new products from raw materials.

This option should be coordinated with the cross-cutting sector.